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## **Council to Hear Mayor's Pension Proposal this Summer**

SAN DIEGO -- Council President Scott Peters today released the following statement on the proposed ballot measure to impose pension benefits on non-safety City employees.

"I am a strong supporter of the Mayor's reform agenda. By working together, we have completed the City's backlog of audits, enacted strong financial reform and oversight mechanisms, placed key charter reform proposals on the ballot and restored the City's access to the public bond markets. Fixing the pension system for new employees is a key element in these financial reforms.

"I remain committed to holding a public Council hearing to consider the Mayor's pension proposal, along with other suggested measures for the November ballot. Those measures will be discussed at the June 25 hearing of the Rules Committee. I have reserved time on the July 7 City Council agenda to consider any proposals forwarded by the Rules Committee.

"I will give serious consideration to the Mayor's plan, along with any other proposals made by the City's Independent Budget Analyst, my Council colleagues, employee groups or the public. If the City Council approves the Mayor's ballot measure in July, it will appear on the November ballot."

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please see attached timeline for submitting November ballot measures.